

South Carolina ATV Laws

Certain acts unlawful at state parks.

(H) Operating vehicles in a reckless manner, or in excess of posted speed limits, or in areas other than those specifically intended for vehicular traffic. A violation of the following provisions shall constitute the unlawful operating of vehicles:

- (1) Motorbikes, minibikes, mopeds, motorcycles, motor scooters, go-carts and any other type motorized vehicle shall not be driven in any area or on any trail not intended for their use. Only licensed motorized vehicles shall be allowed on park roads.
- (2) No motorized vehicle of any kind shall be allowed on horse trails, hiking trails or beach areas.
- (3) Motor vehicles shall not be driven on roads in developed recreation sites for any purpose other than access into or egress out of the site.
- (4) No motorized vehicle of any kind shall be operated at any time without a muffler in good working order, or in such a manner as to create excessive or unusual noise, or annoying smoke, or using a muffler cut-off, by-pass, or similar device.
- (5) No person shall excessively accelerate the engine of a motor vehicle or motorcycle when such vehicle is not moving or is approaching or leaving a stopping place.
- (6) Vehicles shall not be permitted in a cabin or camping area unless the operator thereof is a registered guest within the area, except for the expressed intent of renting such area or with prior permission of authorized park officials.

General Regulation.

E. Operation of motorized, nonmotorized vehicles, all terrain vehicles, and off road vehicles. The operation of motorized vehicles is allowed subject to the following restrictions or conditions: (1) Motorized vehicles, all terrain vehicles, and off road vehicles may be operated only on open maintained roads and parking areas except as otherwise established by posted notice or as approved by the Department. (2) Motorized vehicles, all terrain vehicles, and off road vehicles shall not exceed speed limits posted on Department signs. On any land where no speed limit signs are posted, the speed limit shall be 25 miles per hour. (3) No person may operate any motorized , all **terrain vehicle**, off road vehicle or non-motorized vehicle in a reckless or negligent manner. The operation of any vehicle in such a manner as to indicate either a willful or wanton disregard for the safety of persons or property shall be deemed to be operating in a reckless manner. (4) Motorized vehicles, all terrain vehicles, and off road vehicles must be operated in accordance with load limits as established by posted notice for roads or bridges. (5) No person shall cause or permit any motorized , all **terrain vehicle**, and off road vehicle to obstruct traffic by unnecessary stopping. In the event of mechanical difficulties, the driver must make arrangements for the expeditious removal of the vehicle. No motorized vehicle , all **terrain vehicle**, and off road vehicle shall be left parked on any road at night without lights or reflectors visible from both front and rear of the vehicle. (6) Parking of motorized vehicles, all terrain vehicles, and off road vehicles must comply with any posting or signs and any instructions given by

Department or law enforcement personnel. Obstructing vehicular travel is prohibited. (7) All motorized vehicles, all terrain vehicles, and off road vehicles must be equipped with properly working mufflers, brakes, spark arresters (if the vehicle was originally factory equipped with spark arresters and/or mirrors). (8) No trucks or other motorized vehicles commonly used for carrying freight, merchandise, or goods for sale, unless traversing on a through public highway, shall operate on roads or land without obtaining written permission from the Department. Vehicles used in connection with delivery of supplies, site work activities, or concessions for authorized activities may operate in compliance with posted signs or notices. (9) Charter buses or other vehicles engaged in transporting persons for compensation are not allowed. The Department may issue permits for entry by charter buses, for hire vehicles, tour groups, or similar activities, and the Department may condition permits as needed to protect the land and limit interference with other legitimate uses of the land. (10) No person operating or responsible for any aircraft may cause such aircraft to land on or take off from any Department land or deliver by air any person, material or equipment by parachute or other means, except in emergencies threatening human life or when authorized in writing by the Department. (11) The numbers of motorized vehicles, nonmotorized vehicles, horses, or boats allowed on any area at one time may be limited by the Department through a permitting system. (12) The operation of nonmotorized vehicles are allowed subject to the following restrictions or conditions: (a) Bicycles must be ridden only on roads open to motorized vehicles and designated bicycle trails. (b) Where provided, bicycle racks must be used for parking bicycles. Bicycles must not be chained and locked to site structures or placed so as to obstruct pedestrian or vehicular movement. (c) Using roller skates, in-line skates, skateboards, roller skis, coasting vehicles, or similar devices is prohibited, except in designated areas.